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1. The Central Committee of the Communist Party, at one of its latest meetings, declared Dr. George Hanna "unfit to deal with the Party in national and social matters."

2. In reaction against the Party's refusal to back him in the coming elections, Hanna had gone over to the Popular Party (SPP; al-Hizb al-Qawmi), and had obstructed the appearance of a Communist representative at a meeting of the National Conference – al-Mutamar al-Watani.

3. Dr. George Hanna is a Greek Orthodox physician, a successful general practitioner, about 55 years old, and a graduate of the American University of Beirut. He comes from Shweifat. In the past he has been a fanatical enemy of the French, who were infuriated by his book, "History of the Two Occupations." He is a prominent member of the National Conference.
   25X1A   stated that Hanna was elected President of the Christian-Moslem Conference on 28 July 1946).

4. With the establishment of the Soviet Legation in Beirut, Hanna became a friend of Daniel Solod, Soviet representative in Beirut, and a particular intimate of Vladimir Kiriev, Russian Chargé d'Affaires in Damascus. Hanna decided to go into politics, and so cultivated Communist friendship, in the hope of getting the Party's support.

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